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Sub: Berlin Air Contingency Planning

At June 29 meeting Camp des Loges following joint draft agreed  
among representatives LIVE OAK and three Bonn Embassies. Subsequently  
approved by three Ambassadors.

QUOTE

JOINT PAPER DEFINING AIR ACTION PLANNING AND PROCEDURES RESPONSIBILITY  
FOR THE BONN EMBASSIES, THE US AND THE LIVE OAK GROUP PARIS

1. The basic paper "Berlin Contingency Planning", dated 4 April 1959, defines the primary responsibility for air action planning as that of the three Embassies at Bonn, in consultation with the tripartite staff in Paris or with other military headquarters as appropriate. As a civil group the Bonn Embassies consider that it would be inappropriate for them to plan beyond the stage of active interference, i.e. aircraft shot/forced down, and have recommended that planning from this stage should be the responsibility of the LIVE OAK Group under the basic paper paragraphs 1b, c, 11a, and 11c. This view is accepted by LIVE OAK.

2. The three Embassies Bonn and the LIVE OAK Group Paris have therefore agreed the following division of responsibilities for air action planning:

a. Basic Paper, para 12b (1) thru (7)

The three Embassies in Bonn, have the responsibility for the planning required under para 12b tasks (1) thru (7). It should be noted, that task (6) is taken only to the point of aircraft shot/forced down.

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The LIVE OAK Group, Paris, has the responsibility for planning measures to be implemented after air access has been forcibly obstructed by aircraft shot/forced down.

**j. Handling of papers:****a. Tripartite Group Bonn Papers**

(1) The three Embassies will ensure that LIVE OAK views, at staff level, are taken into consideration in their planning papers.

(2) Tripartite agreed papers will be forwarded to General Secretariat for comment at the same time as they are submitted to the three Governments.

**b. LIVE OAK Group (Air) Papers**

Draft papers on this subject will be forwarded to the three Embassies in Bonn for information and/or comment. Any tripartite agreed comments will be forwarded to LIVE OAK.

**c. Channel of Communications**

All papers will be transmitted through US channels. ~~UNQDOTH~~

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